(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). No, Sir.

Pick pocketing in Buses in Delhi

2574. SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents of pickpocketing are taking place in Delhi in the buses of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and those running under DTC operation at present; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken/ being taken to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The number of incidents of pickpocketing in Delhi in buses of Delhi Transport Corporation and those running under DTC operation in 1990 and 1991 is as under:-

Year	*DTC Buses*	*Buses under DTC operation.*
1990	408	226
1991	376	211

(b) Amongst the steps taken to curb such incidents are deployment of plain clothed staff at bus stops and in buses; foot and mobil patrolling by policy at crowded bus stops; surveillance over known bad charcters; and launching of special drives against pickpockets.

[*English*]

Evasion of Sales Tax

2575. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA:
SHRI MATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of sales-tax evasion detected in Delhi during the last six months;

(b) the number of firms having sales-tax arrears of above Rs. 10 lakh in Delhi; and

(c) the steps taken to expedite the recovery of sales-tax dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Office of the Commissioner of Sales-Tax, Delhi Administration has reported that 43 cases of sales tax evasion were detected by the department during the last six months.

(b) There are 166 cases of firms against whom sales tax arrears of Rs. 10 lakhs and more are pending.

(c) All the Ward Officers have been instructed to pay personal attention to ensure timely recovery of sales tax dues. The arrears are also recoverable as arrears of land revenue. Steps, like attachment of bank account, attachment of movable/immovable property of the defaulter and his arrest, are also resorted to.

India's Membership to Non-UNO International Organisations

2576. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI:

SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of non-Uno International agencies/organisations of which India is a member; and

(b) the contributions made to such organisations in financial and professional spheres?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b). The information called for is being collected from all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as it has been compiled.

Plantation of fruit bearing trees

2577. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the funds earmarked by the Union Government for plantation of fruit bearing trees in the rural areas of the country for 1992-93 State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The State-wise allocation of funds by the Union Government for plantation of fruit bearing trees in the rural areas of the country during 1992-93 will be decided after the schemes are sanctioned and taking into account the performance of the State Governments in implementing the schemes during 1991-92.

[*Translation*]

Death of Prisoners in Tihar Jail

2578. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of undertrial prisoners died in Tihar Jail in Delhi during the last year and in the current year;

(b) the causes of these deaths;

(c) the action taken against the officers found responsible; and

(d) the action being taken to provide proper medical care and ensure humane treatment to the prisoners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Administration has reported that 34 undertrials under judicial custody died in Tihar Jail last year and 7 during the current year till 7th March.

(b) & (c). Out of the 41 death cases, inquest reports of Sub-Divisional Magistratte have already been received by the Administration in 20 cases. Except one case of suicide, death in remaining 19 cases was due to illness. In none of these cases, the officer conducting the inquest pointed out any lapse on the part of any jail official.

(d) At present, 5 dispensaries with OPD